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4200 NOBLES GREET IMPERIAL POTENTATE ARVOLD RECORD CLASS OF 431 CANDIDATES CROSS HOT SANDS

THE attendance at the Big Fall Ceremonial held November 28th at Mechanics Building broke all attendance records for many years when over 4,200 Shriners came to enjoy an outstanding Ceremonial as planned and conducted by Illustrious Potentate Willard P. Lombard, his officers and committees.

Another record of 23 years standing was also broken at this Ceremonial when 448 candidates filed petitions for membership in the Temple. Four hundred thirty-one of the petitioners appeared for initiation, making the largest class of initiates in Aleppo Temple since August, 1921. The total number of candidates initiated in Aleppo Temple for the present year amounts to 971, which is the largest number of candidates received in Aleppo in one year since 1923 when the yearly total was 1,010.

The afternoon ritualistic work which followed a business meeting and election of candidates was given in Paul Revere Hall to a capacity audience of candidates and Nobles.

Due to the illness of Noble Wilfred Mills, who portrays the part of Potentate in the ritualistic work, Noble Gerald Zedren gave a noble performance when he took over that part of the work. Noble Mills would have been very proud to see his ritualistic team in action at this Ceremonial.

At the business meeting previous to the ritual work Potentate Elford H. Morison of Kora Temple; Potentate Frank L. Phillips of Pyramid; Potentate Richards M. Libby of Sphinx; Chief Rabban William H. Hinman of Kora and Recorder Edward A. Miller of Zembo Temple, President of the National Recorder's Association, who were present at this meeting, were elected to Honorary Membership.

A request for a release of jurisdiction having been made by Palestine Temple of Providence over three petitioners living in the jurisdiction of Aleppo Temple, the same were granted.

At the evening meeting Potentate Lombard spoke very fittingly of that grand old Shiner, Past Potentate and Recorder Emeritus, Walter W. Morrison, in whose honor this Ceremonial was being held. Due to illness, Walter was not able to appear at the Ceremonial, however, Potentate Lombard's tribute to him was accepted by the thousands of Nobles present by great cheers and applause. The Po-

tentate said that in Noble Morrison's 12 years as Illustrious Potentate of Aleppo Temple he had set up the enviable record of initiating 12,345 Shriners in addition to the many outstanding events he produced for the edification of the Nobles of Aleppo during his reign of office from December, 1914 to January, 1926. He further stated that Noble Morrison, who has been a member of Aleppo for 50 years is one of the best known Shriners in North America, having attended nearly 30 Imperial Council Sessions in which time he lead the Officers and Uniformed Units of Aleppo in Shrine parades in all parts of the country.

Following Potentate Lombard's remarks the Aleppo Patrol formed on the floor of Grand Hall and sang the old familiar Potentate's song written by Noble Chick Story in honor of Walter.

At this Ceremonial the Illustrious Potentate introduced the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America, Illustrious Noble Alfred C. Arvold who was paying Aleppo Temple a fraternal visit. Illustrious Noble Arvold addressed the Nobility in his usual and outstanding eloquent manner. He told of his visits to the many Shrine Temples throughout North America where he found that Shrinedom was moving forward and that the gain in membership, nationally, during the year would be a most pleasing one. He also spoke very feelingly of the work being carried on for unfortunate crippled children through the Shriners' Hospitals and thanked the Nobility of Aleppo Temple for the part they have played in boosting their \$60.00 memberships in the Shrine Hospital Permanent Endowment Fund, 100% this year. The Imperial Potentate was accompanied by Imperial Assistant Rabban Carl Rex Hammers of Pittsburgh and Imperial Recorder Everett W. Jacobs of Richmond, Va., who is a member of Aleppo Temple.

Many distinguished Masons who are Nobles of Aleppo Temple were present at this meeting to greet the Imperial Potentate and his suite, among whom were Illustrious Melvin M. Johnson, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council of the United States of America and Most Worshipful Claude L. Allen, Past Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

The floor work of the Degree Staff under the leadership of Director Frank W. Watson was carried out with great finesse to

the edification of the Shriners and guests present and to the exasperation of the Novices who provided the piece de resistance. The Degree Staff boys did an exceptional job on their floor work and provided a grand evening of entertainment.

To climax the day's festivities a vaudeville show was provided by Boston's well-known entertainment manager, Noble Charles W. Pike.



VOX POP TO BROADCAST CHRISTMAS PARTY FROM SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE world famous radio program known as "Vox Pop" heard by approximately 18,000,000 people every Monday evening over a nation-wide radio hookup have dedicated their program on Christmas Night, December 25th to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children.

The 8 P.M. broadcast on Christmas will originate in one of the wards of the Shrine Hospital located in Philadelphia and will be the focal point of a nation-wide Christmas party for the crippled children in the other fourteen Shrine Hospitals located in different parts of North America and the Hawaiian Islands.

The famous conductors of the Vox Pop program, "The show that travels America," Parks Johnson and Warren Hull will interview children who are undergoing treatment in our Philadelphia Unit as well as doctors, nurses and others engaged in this work. They will also mention some of the names of nurses and children in other hospitals and tie all the Shrine Hospitals into one Big Christmas Party. This outstanding Christmas radio program is being provided by the Emerson Drug Co., sponsors of the weekly Monday night Vox Pop radio program. The Company will provide at its own expense the entire show and its attending publicity. A costumed Santa Claus accompanied by an entertaining clown, as well as Christmas presents for every child in every Shrine Hospital will also be provided by the Company.

Needless to say, the Shriners of North America are very happy to have the Emerson Drug Co. make such a splendid contribution in recognition of the Shriners' work for the crippled children; especially due to the fact that the Christmas Vox Pop program will be conducted by those two peerless Masters of Ceremony, Parks Johnson and Warren Hull, two of the most outstanding personalities on the air today.

ALEPPO NOBLES HEADLINERS AT ANNUAL SHRINE STAG NIGHT

OUR own Noble Marvin Westenberg, former world's heavyweight champion from Tacoma, Wash., will be out to prove how he battled his way to the top of the ranks when he takes on the Cardiff Giant, 342-pound Californian, in the feature of the All Star Sports Program to be held at Mechanics Building, Boston, in the feature of the Annual Stag Night, of Aleppo Temple, Saturday, December 30th. This main bout will be two out of three falls with a 90-minute time limit. Westenberg, along with Noble Leo Numa of Seattle, who will be facing Nanjo Singh of India, in the semi-final, crossed the hot sands of Aleppo at the big fall Ceremonial, November 28th.

In the Cardiff Giant, Westy will be facing one of the most powerful men in the world. The Giant — named after another famous Welchman, Jackie Cardiff, a former prize fighter who once broke John L. Sullivan's arm, lacks speed but he more than makes up for it with his bulk as concentrated in his favorite hold, the Falling Wall. The Giant virtually crushes his foes into defeat and he hopes to toss Noble Westy back a few rungs in his attempt to climb the ladder back to the championship.

Slick Noble Leo Numa will have his hands full against the mad Nanjo Singh whose Cobra hold has taken its place with the most punishing of holds in the land. Singh, born in India, has taken his place with the top contenders for the world's crown but he'll find Noble Leo a tough nut to crack. Our newly created Noble Numa can be equally rough when the occasion calls for it and his tricky leg-holds just can't be tossed off. This match will be one fall with a 30-minute time limit.

A special bout will find Jack Marshall, Colorado, tangling with Jim Spencer, former Bates football star, in what should be a wild affair. Both mat-men are rough and tough and when they're thrown together they'll probably raise the roof off the Mechanics Building with their crashing styles. Both are offensive grapplers, letting their defenses take care of themselves as best they will.

The tough job of third man in the ring on this occasion will find Brothers Steve Passas and Charlie Donnell dividing honors. Both Steve and Charlie are former wrestlers who are very capable of taking care of themselves when things get a bit tough.

There is no charge for the tickets for this Stag Night. All Shriners will be admitted by presenting their 1944 membership card at the gate that night, and they may invite as many of their Masonic friends as they wish by obtaining guest tickets as outlined in the announcement on Page 3.

So, Nobles, mark the date on your calendar, be sure you have your 1944 card and get your Guest Tickets now for this outstanding event.

The matchmaker for this show is none other than our nationally known wrestling impresario Noble Paul Bowser, a former member of the Degree Staff of Aleppo Temple and the present Director of Activities.

Noble Paul, who in his younger days, was the greatest wrestler to enter a ring,

SPECIAL MEETING!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1944, AT 5 O'CLOCK P.M.

FOR THE ELECTION OF CANDIDATES
AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

FEE \$50.00 FOR THIS MEETING ONLY

Candidates will report to the Recorder at Aleppo Temple Headquarters, 97 Huntington Ave., Boston, at four o'clock on December 30, 1944.

As the amount of the degree fee must be determined by the date of initiation the candidates must appear December 30 for initiation to take advantage of the present \$50.00 fee.

Attest:

HARVEY B. LEGGEE

Recorder.

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WILLARD P. LOMBARD

Potentate.

was probably the most interested spectator and happiest Noble at the November 28th Ceremonial for he was witnessing the initiation into Aleppo of two outstanding personalities in the sports field. Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa have made many friends in Boston through their connection with the Bowser enterprises. In the past few months they have added to these friendships, many hundreds of Masons and Shriners who witnessed their initiation in Loyalty Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter, Boston Commandery and Aleppo Temple. In addition to their being outstanding wrestlers, these boys proved they are also outstanding gentlemen and good sports when they put on a ten-minute entertainment with banjos and hill-billy songs during their initiation in Aleppo. Westenberg, who was bound not to disappoint the Nobility that evening, left a sick bed where he had been ordered by the doctor, due to threatening pneumonia.

These two new Nobles received great applause for their entertainment and Aleppo has added to its ranks two more top notch Shriners who are not only big in stature but big in heart. Thanks, Noble Bowser, for your latest contribution to Shrinedom.



ALEPPO LADIES BRIDGE BIG SUCCESS

ALL outstanding tickets having been returned and the committee summary having been completed in connection with the recent Ladies' Bridge Party, held in the Imperial Ballroom of the Statler Hotel in Boston, October 31st, the Nobility and their ladies will be very happy to learn that this recent Ladies' Bridge Party was the most successful yet held under the auspices of Aleppo Temple and Mrs. Willard P. Lombard, Chairman, and the bridge committee are to be congratulated for this outstanding success.

The returns show that 899 tickets were sold and 600 players participated in this afternoon event. There were 150 table prizes in addition to the many door prizes which the committee had obtained, including wool blankets, all wool, handmade hooked rug, table clocks, handmade lace

bridge table cover, bridge lamps, a shadow box made by one of the Nobles and many other useful and valuable articles.

The ladies' committee wish to thank the many Nobles and ladies as well as their friends who donated the prizes and gave their time and assistance which contributed a great deal toward the success of this semi-annual Charity Bridge.

In addition to Mrs. Lombard the committee consisted of:

Mrs. Justin A. Duncan, Asst. Chairman
Mrs. Robert G. Wilson, Jr.
Mrs. Robert G. Wilson, Sr.
Mrs. Wallace D. Riddell
Mrs. Harvey B. Leggee
Mrs. Frank B. Ells
Mrs. N. Russell Lynn
Mrs. Louis F. Salerno
Mrs. Raymond C. Fuller
Mrs. Earl Davis
Mrs. Harold L. Maynard
Mrs. Norman C. Fuller
Mrs. J. Marshall Hubbard



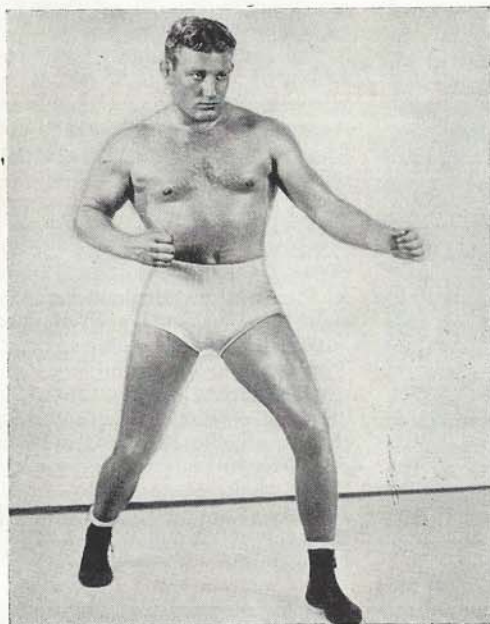
SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 30th

A SPECIAL meeting of Aleppo Temple will be held at Shrine Headquarters, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Saturday, December 30th, the details of which will be found in a notice in this issue.

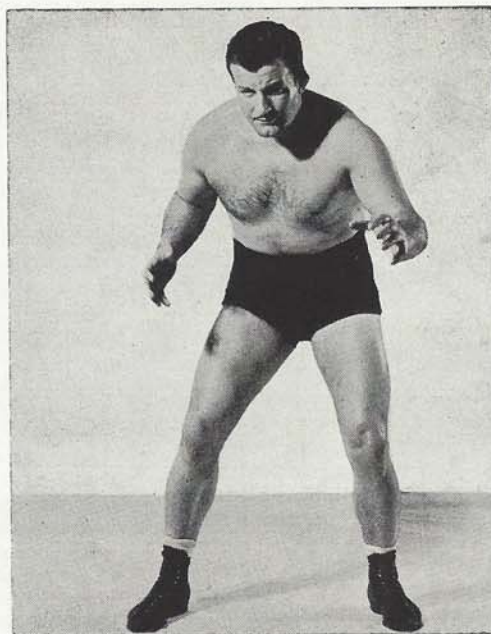
This meeting has been called to allow the many Knights Templars and 32nd degree Masons becoming eligible this month as well as any other eligible prospects to file a petition for membership in Aleppo Temple. This special meeting will be held in short form on the last business day of the year and will give all eligible prospects a chance to take advantage of the present \$50.00 initiation fee before it is advanced to \$75.00 as of January 1, 1945.

Any prospect who desires to join at this meeting and who is being initiated into one of the pre-requisite organizations just prior to December 30th may become a candidate by presenting his petition at the time of appearing for initiation that day. Any candidate who is now an eligible prospect, having been previously initiated into one of the two pre-requisite organizations, may file his petition and the \$50.00 fee at the Recorder's office at any time up to and including the day of the meeting.

ALEPPO TEMPLE STAG PARTY



NOBLE LEO NUMA



NOBLE MARVIN WESTENBERG

MECHANICS BUILDING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1944

FOR SHRINERS AND THEIR FRIENDS

Doors open at 7:00 P.M.

Show starts at 8:00

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For GuestsGuest Ticket

Nobles may obtain as many **guest tickets** as they wish, to take care of their friends by sending a **self addressed stamped envelope** to: Records Office, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston 16, Mass., or by calling at the office in person.

GET YOUR REQUESTS IN EARLY. THE CAPACITY IS LIMITED. DON'T WAIT, AND LOSE OUT.

WRESTLING PROGRAM

MAIN BOUT — Best two falls in three to win
90 minute time limit

NOBLE MARVIN WESTENBERG
Former World's Champion

VS

CARDIFF GIANT
342-lb. Californian

SEMI-FINAL BOUT — One fall to win — 30 minute time limit

NOBLE LEO NUMA
Seattle, Wash.

VS

NANJO SINGH
India. Exponent of Cobra Hold

SPECIAL BOUT — One fall to win — 20 minute time limit

JACK MARSHALL
Colorado

VS

JIM SPENCER
Former Bates Football Star

OPENING BOUT — One fall to win — 20 minute time limit

TIGER TASKER
Canada
Former Canadian Lumberjack

VS

MANUEL CORTEZ
Spain
Ex-professional Boxer

BROTHERS STEVE PASSAS AND CHARLIE DONNELL WILL REFEREE

The entire program consists of world famous wrestlers including former world's champion Noble Marvin Westenberg, the colorful and popular Noble Leo Numa and other present wrestling sensations in the East.

Band Concert by Aleppo Band from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Get Your Tickets Early!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE Potentate, for himself and his Divan, extends to every member of Aleppo Temple the Season's warmest greetings and sincere good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. With it goes the prayer that all of our members and your loved ones who are in the armed forces may return safely in the near future. A small remembrance has been sent to every one of our 340 nobles who are in the service of their country so that they may know that our thoughts are with them at all times. May the Peace of Allah come to us all.



NOBLE LEE WITNEY RECEIVES CITATION

WORD has just been received that Lt.-Col. Leelan E. Witney, Noble of Aleppo and former manager of the Hotel Kenmore in Boston, was recently decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with the invasion of Europe.

Colonel Witney, popularly known by thousands of Aleppo Nobles as "Lee," and who was known around Boston among the hotel operators as a human dynamo, has evidently been going places and doing things for the U. S. Army in the office of the General Purchasing Agent at Headquarters, European Theatre of Operations, according to the citation which reads as follows:

"CITATION FOR BRONZE STAR MEDAL"

"Lieutenant Colonel Leelan E. Witney (Army Serial No. 0285798), United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations as Chief, Labor Branch, Office of the General Purchasing Agent, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, from 1 April 1944 to 30 August 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Witney was charged with the coordination of labor procurement for the United States Army in England. When it became impossible to obtain additional labor in England, thereby endangering the preparations for impending cross-channel operations, Lieutenant Colonel Witney, through his initiative, perseverance and zeal, conceived and carried through the idea of recruiting approximately 3,000 laborers from Northern Ireland. This task was performed efficiently and expeditiously, to the satisfaction of all concerned, and in addition enabling the release of an equal number of soldiers for other duties. All this was accomplished though there were preliminary difficulties, such as proper wage rates and the provision of adequate living and messing accommodations. The energetic and effective efforts of Lieutenant Colonel Witney in overcoming these many obstacles, and successfully completing his most difficult assignment, reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Massachusetts."

Aleppo salutes you, Colonel Witney, and your many Boston friends await your return that they may congratulate you in person.

HOSPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND INCREASED 100% THIS YEAR

THE \$60.00 Permanent Fund Subscriptions to the Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children have increased in leaps and bounds this year and over 60,000 have been sold nationally. Aleppo Temple, which is one of the top ranking Temples in this work, has added to this grand total materially through a 100% increase from 319 members as of January 1, 1944 to 636 members December 1st of this year. Few Temples of the Order in North America can boast of a 100% increase for the current year.

With this 100% increase Aleppo now stands 22nd in the list of 159 Temples. This position has been obtained through a steady increase from 86th place as of January 1, 1943 and from 31st place as of December 1, 1943.

Many memberships in the Hospital Endowment Fund have been sold to organizations as well as individuals who are not members of the Shrine. Among the organizations participating are Assemblies of the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Commanderies of Knights Templars, Masonic Clubs, Eastern Star organizations and many others. Subscriptions for \$60.00 have been received from Masonic and Shrine Clubs formed by men in the Service, both in the European and Pacific areas.

One of the outstanding memberships in the Hospital Endowment Fund purchased through Aleppo Temple was that of Donald Parker, Jr., of Waltham, who is now serving in the armed forces of our country and who was a former patient at our Shrine Hospital in Springfield.

These memberships, which may be deducted from the Federal Income Tax, serve as a permanent memorial in the name of the purchaser, in view of the fact that each year the income from the membership is presented to the hospital board in the name of the subscriber.

Noble, why not give yourself a real Christmas present this year, or buy one in the name of some relative or close friend? A beautifully engraved, colored certificate is issued in the name of each member attesting his or her membership in the world's greatest philanthropy — The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.



SHRINE NIGHT AT NODDLE'S ISLAND LODGE

ON Monday, January 8th, Potentate Lombard and his Divan will make a pilgrimage to Noddle's Island Lodge, East Boston, to participate in the Special Shrine Night being celebrated by the Lodge.

Noble Barnett N. Samuels, who is Worshipful Master of the Lodge, will be host to the Shriners on this occasion.

The stations in the Lodge will be filled by the Officers of Aleppo Temple and Worshipful Brother Samuels invites all Shriners to attend to witness the work of the Nobles.

A special catered dinner will be served at 6 P.M., in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, Meridian Street, East Boston, which will precede the ceremonies of the evening.

NOBLE VAUGHAN RECEIVES PROMOTION

THE Commander of Aleppo's Uniformed Units, Noble Benjamin R. Vaughan, of Melrose, was recently promoted by the State Street Trust Company of Boston to the Office of Vice-President.

The genial, smiling "Ben," as he is known by thousands of friends, was also appointed manager of the Massachusetts Avenue Branch of the Trust Company. The promotion to Vice-President was unanimously voted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held Friday, December 8, 1944.

To be a Vice-President of the State Street Trust Company is a distinct honor as this old New England bank has only eight vice-presidents, each of whom is an outstanding banker in his own right.

Noble Vaughan, who has been connected with the bank for the past 38 years has been serving as assistant manager of the Branch office since 1919 in the capacity of assistant secretary. He was elected one of the banks assistant vice-presidents in January of last year. The promotion was the result of faithful and devoted service to his organization.

The officers and Nobles of Aleppo Temple congratulate the State Street Trust Company on their choice of their new Vice-President. We of Aleppo are very happy for the banks selection of this popular Noble.



NOBLES OF GARDNER AND VICINITY

MEMBERS of Aleppo who reside in the vicinity of Gardner and would be interested in the forming of a Shrine Club for more frequent meetings or luncheons with their fellow nobles should write to Potentate Willard P. Lombard, 18 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Massachusetts, who is ready to discuss plans at a preliminary luncheon he will give in Gardner to those who indicate they are interested.

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"IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T"

WE are reminded of this popular refrain when we "take our pen in hand" to compose Band Notes, and wonder "Is we is" a Columnist or "is we ain't." Well, judging by the head scratching this task entails we are almost convinced that "we ain't." In fact the \$64 question is "How can a guy fill a column of band news when there "ain't no news." You win—he positively can't.

Noble Milo Burnell took exceptions to our statement in the last issue of the NEWS that the omission of Band Notes in the October number was not noticed. He said he was going to write some comments regarding it, and intimated we would not print 'em. Up to the time when our copy had to be in the hands of ye Editor-in-Chief, said pungent comments were not in evidence. We wonder if he got cold feet or was only ribbing us.

Noble Bill Bucknam had a narrow escape about three weeks ago, when he was struck by an auto on High Street, Boston, and was laid up over a week. Luckily no bones were broken, but Bill was badly shaken up. We are happy to state, however, that he is able to attend to business now, and was on the job at the recent Cremonial.

Noble Dr. George E. Perkins, who is a major in the Army, was a recent visitor at band rehearsal, and the boys were all glad to see him. He has been stationed in the South but we understand is now in this vicinity. This is the doctor's second stretch in the armed forces, as he served in the medical corps in World War I.

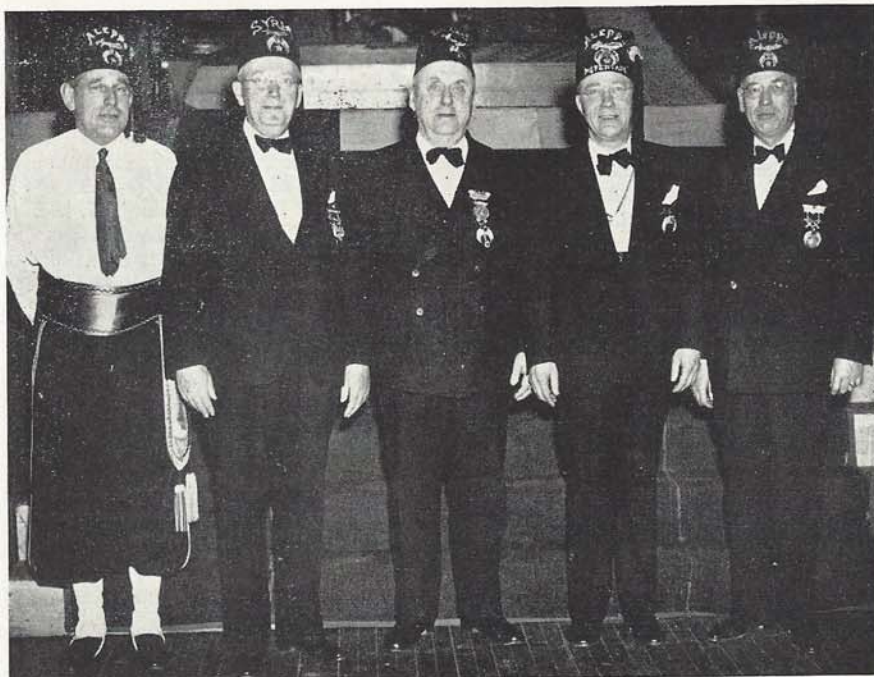
The band turned out a goodly number at the Ceremonial, and did a creditable job, judging by the comments we have heard. We were pleased to see Noble Ed Dale on this occasion. Ed says he would come regularly were it not for the gas shortage, as he has to travel a long distance to and from his place of business, and barely gets by on his allowance.

Our Quartermaster, Noble "Freddie" Goggin, recently acquired an old style cornet (in a Hock Shop), which has rotary valves, the first of its kind we ever saw. He has been trying to blow the darned thing, and it is surprising the weird notes he can evoke from that instrument. You should hear him doing trills (?) and double tonguing (?). Evidently he aspired to a seat in the front row of the cornet section. That would be something to write home about.

Before the next issue of the NEWS Christmas will have "came and went." We trust you did your Christmas shopping (and shipping), early. Gee! It hardly seems possible, but the older we grow the faster tempus fugit. (We almost wrote that fidgets, because that's what it gives us.)

However, here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. C. F.



IMPERIAL POTENTATE ALFRED G. ARVOLD AND MEMBERS OF HIS IMPERIAL DIVAN pay an official visit to Aleppo Temple at the Annual Fall Ceremonial in Mechanics Building, Boston.

From left to right: Imperial Captain of the Guard, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. of Aleppo; Imperial Assistant Rabban Carl Rex Hammers of Syria Temple; Imperial Potentate Arvold of El Zagal Temple; Illustrious Potentate Willard Price Lombard of Aleppo and Imperial Recorder Everett W. Jacocks of Aleppo.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

DIRECTOR WATSON did it again! Put on a swell Second Section. Changing the customary procedure of the Second Section, Director Watson set the equipment up in circus style, having eight stunts being worked at one time. The nobility enjoyed it.

We were fortunate in having an extraordinary group of candidates who cooperated fully and certainly showed their ability to take it. Our outstanding candidates were Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa who are mentioned elsewhere in this issue. These fellows, together with former Director Paul Bowser and Assistant Sam Smith, made a very impressive group in the "Bull Pen" and seemed to enjoy the procedure as well as the Degree Staff members.

The Ceremonial proved for the Degree Staff more or less of a homecoming day, inasmuch, as our former member, Noble Joyce, looking fit and not a day older, dropped down to the "Bull Pen" to talk things over. Also, Noble Gray, who hasn't been with us for the past ten years, dropped in to say hello to the boys. He looked as though he could take care of himself pretty well in any Second Section.

George Lewis leaves for Florida this month and would like to hear from any of the boys who would like to keep him informed of the general goings on. He will be located at the El Cid Apartments, West Palm Beach.

We have few meetings at which the name of Charlie Crompton isn't mentioned once or twice, but we certainly miss him most at our Ceremonials.

Roy Henderson called to see Charlie last week and he is happy to report that Charlie seems very much improved and is enjoying himself as well as a very active man can while confined to his home. Charlie lives at 119 Ontario Street, Lynn, Mass., and if the boys can not visit him as Roy did, it would be well to drop Charlie a card and let him know that they are still thinking of him.

ALEPPO RITUAL TEAM

ON Thursday, November 16th, Potentate Willard P. Lombard and members of his Divan accompanied by the Aleppo Ritualistic Degree Team journeyed to Concord, N. H., where they participated in the Ceremonial of Bektash Temple.

Illustrious Potentate Charles J. McKee of Bektash Temple was host to the distinguished group of Shriners from Boston.

The Ceremonial was held in the beautiful Municipal Auditorium in Concord where Potentate McKee, who is the present Mayor of the city, introduced Potentate Lombard, who brought the greetings of Aleppo Temple to her sister Temple which was instituted in 1905 by a group of Aleppo Shriners from Boston. Illustrious Potentate Lombard introduced the officers of Aleppo and members of the Aleppo Ritualistic Degree Team who made the journey for the purpose of portraying the first and third sections of the Shrine ritual for the edification of the Nobles of Bektash.

Noble Wilfred Mills, who portrays the part of Potentate, and the members of his Degree Team gave a beautiful rendition of the ritual of the Shrine and held the undivided attention of the candidates and Nobles present.

Among the distinguished Nobles who greeted the visiting Nobility in the capital city of New Hampshire was the well known Secretary of State, Enoch Fuller.

The Municipal Auditorium was filled to capacity by the Nobles of Bektash Temple, who turned out in large numbers to greet the Nobles from the Bay State.



ANNUAL MEETING

THE date of the next Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple has been set for Friday, January 26, 1945. Details are to appear in the January issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.

This will be the Annual Business Meeting and election of officers for the year 1945. As in the past the evening meeting and election will be followed by a grand Vaudeville Show.

Mark this date down on your calendar now. Get your 1945 membership card at once.

NOBLE HINMAN SPREADS SUNSHINE

WILLIAM H. HINMAN, of Skowhegan, Maine, who is Chief Rabban of Kora Temple in Lewiston, Maine, is quietly and anonymously purchasing life memberships in the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children whenever and wherever he visits another Temple. Recently, while at Aleppo, he slipped a check for \$60.00 to Potentate Lombard with the request that a life membership be bought in the name of some worthy noble of our Temple who was not in a position to buy one for himself.

Noble Hinman would much prefer that no publicity be given to what he is doing but the Potentate feels that his generosity and sympathy for crippled and lame children deserves recognition and believes that it may also serve to encourage others to similarly help our great philanthropy that is creating smiles for others as well as for ourselves.



SHRINE NIGHT AT BOSTON COMMANDERY, DECEMBER 20th

WEDNESDAY, December 20th, will be "Shrine Night" at the regular conclave of Boston Commandery, Masonic Temple, Boston. Illustrious Potentate Willard P. Lombard, and members of his Divan, will be guests of this 144-year-old Commandery which has given Aleppo Temple no less than six of our most recent twelve Potentates.

First Ceremonial Master Frank B. Ells, this year's Eminent Commander, has announced that all three Orders will be worked on December 20th. This will assure newly created Sir Knights being eligible for the Shrine at our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, December 30th, before the increase of fees from \$50.00 to \$75.00 goes into effect. Past Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., is in charge of arrangements.

Other Commanderies in the Metropolitan Boston area are invited to participate in this completion of 1944 work on pending candidates.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

THE swell show put on by Em. Commander, Frank Ells, and Boston Commandery for members and friends, was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly a thousand. The old-time melodrama "Gold in the Hills," by the Tavern Players, with more than a thousand laughs, was excellently presented, a brand of entertainment we haven't seen for ages. Noble Herman McStay, of the second platoon, and senior warden of Boston Commandery, was the handsome villian, whose perfidy was hard to believe. It was a three-act show with a cast of 26, each of whom was "tops." The dance numbers and music were very good. Preceding the play Harry Rodgers gave an organ recital of old-time music. Em. Commander Frank Ells presented the officers of the Commandery, and Em. Gardiner Wilson, the Master of Ceremonies, presented the Grand Commander, Rt. Em. G. Lester Marston and his suite. Judge Wilson, in his usual good voice and mood, also introduced Ill. Potentate Willard P. Lombard, who spoke briefly and appropriately, and Treasurer Frank Morrill and Recorder Harvey Leggee of Aleppo. Of course, there were many members of the patrol present — some are members of that commandery and others were invited guests — Em. George Weeks, of the Grand Commandery, Em. William Sharpe, Em. Les Dixon, Em. Lorin Lewis (P.C. of Boston Commandery), Em. Russ Lynn, Edwin Elliott, Fred Marshall, Harold Foster, Herbert Single, Ernest Telfer, Bill Shannon, and others. A pleasant evening and a part of a plan for sponsoring further shows by these Players for the benefit of our service men.

There can be no further argument about the deer that Louis Beaudoin shot. That he did it, can be vouched for by every member of the patrol. Louis killed the deer, Noble William Hayes, President of Hayes Bickford Lunch System, stewed it, Walter Benson served it and the boys made a banquet of it, following the last drill of the fall season. Yes, Louis is a good hunter, and no better proof is needed. It was so good that some even carried samples home, and although I wouldn't mention names — it would be fitting to say at the close of the year that we all think our commanding officer is a grand fellow.

We were glad to see Dr. Salerno at the Ceremonial and to learn that he got the best of the pneumococci. He was in a critical condition for awhile, with a temperature of 105 degrees for several days — sulfa drugs were not effective — by good luck Penicillin was obtained, and it worked miraculously, reducing his temperature within a few hours. He lost 18 pounds, but is gaining now and will soon be back to his former rotundity.

SHRINERS' FOOTBALL CLASSIC JANUARY 1st TO BE BROADCAST

NEW YEAR'S DAY will again be another big day for all Shriners from Coast to Coast when more than two hundred stations of the Mutual Network will broadcast a play-by-play account of the annual Shrine East-West College All-Star football game direct from Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. For the fifth consecutive year, the broadcast of the game is made possible by the Gillette Safety Razor Company.

With teams composed of the best-known college gridiron stars from all parts of the country, this game has always proved to be one of the most spectacular of the post-season bowl classics. The radio description of the playing will be given by Ernie Smith and Lt. Mel Venter, of the U. S. Coast Guard, who have worked together on many past East-West games.

As you all know, this big game is played as an annual benefit for the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children of San Francisco. But it remains for the broadcast to tell the American public of the fine and charitable work being done by Shriners everywhere.

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NOBLE GLENWOOD J. SHARRARD, manager of the Parker House, proved that he truly possessed the real Shrine spirit when he invited the Imperial Potentate and his Divan as well as the visiting officers from other Temples and all our own to be his guests at a collation at the Parker House following our Ceremonial.

His nephew, Richard Lumsden, was one of the candidates November 28th. "Dick" is also connected with the Parker House as is Noble Harry Moorehouse. This may be the reason so many Shriners are seen around the hotel. Noble Sherrard proved himself a most genial host and the delicacies were of the usual high quality and in generous quantities. It was a pleasant party that will long be remembered by those present.

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THE Potentate, Willard P. Lombard, is waiting for letters or post-cards at his office at 18 Tremont Street, Boston 8, Mass., from all Nobles in Essex County, especially those in the vicinity of Haverhill, Lawrence, Amesbury, Newburyport, who are interested in becoming members of a Shrine Club to be formed by him at once and to be known as the Merrimac Valley Shrine Club, which will also include those living in the vicinity of Lowell, who will write to the Potentate that they are interested.

Ex-Senator Frank D. Babcock, of the State Labor Relations Board, residing in Haverhill, is in charge of the organization work. Those who find it more convenient may contact him instead of the Potentate.

Potentate Lombard has long felt that Shrine Clubs with monthly "get-togethers" create a warmer and closer relationship among Shriners, pointing to Moslem Temple of Detroit with its seven Shrine Clubs and those of other Temples which have proven outstanding successes.

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ALEPPO BOWLING NEWS

by VAIL K. HAAK

Associate Editor

FIRST round of five matches is over and the bell has rung; and what do we find. I thought according to the tid-bits of news seeping in a new champion, but lo and behold Harold Chase, the old maestro, is holding the spotlight with a cagey 103. I was not too far wrong because one of our newcomers, Bob Howland, the Squire of Wellesley Hills, who has been bowling for Yars and Yars in Amateur Boston and Club Leagues, is in second place with 101. Bob evidently has not recovered the feel of the ball or pins after a five-year lapse, but the season is early and somebody else might come to the fore at the next writing.

High three strings to date is held by aforementioned Bob Howland with 358, pretty rugged bowling this early in the season. Runner-up is Chase (old reliable himself). High single also goes to Howland, Bob is the surname. And by the way, why didn't I head this column Howland, probably because I am not completely on his pay roll. A new name appears as runner-up in this department, Bill Richards, our worthy Vice-president, with 122 tied with his partner (I presume in Crime), Ernie Woodman.

As far as the standing of the league is concerned The High Priests up to now are practically walking away, but with handicaps prevailing at the start of the second round, things are bound to change. The High Priests are captained by that canny Scotchman, Bob Hancock, and are five points above their nearest competitor. The Ceremonial Masters lead by Doc Howland (no relation to Bob), but Bob is of that team. Ceremonial Masters hold the high three-string total of 1,458 while the High Priests have to be satisfied with the High Team Single of 509. Incidentally, I roll on the High Priest but I'll keep my average a secret.

Jim Greig is filling in on any team that has an absentee, because he is trying to get back in stride. (He does better than a lot of the regular bowlers). John Eaton is still sticking to score keeping because he has finally decided that the doctor is for his own good.

